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REMARKS

Applicant provisionally elects Specie IV drawn to the seal cartridge assembly (claims 8-16) with traverse.

Claims 8-16 are drawn to a seal cartridge assembly. The seal cartridge assembly includes a packing assembly to which claims 17-20 are drawn. Examination of Claims 8-16 requires examination of the packing assembly element, which is further detailed in the dependent claims which are also separately claimed in claims 17-20. With regard to the above, applicant respectfully believes that even under the election of Specie IV, applicant is entitled to pursue Claims 8-20 in this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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